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## War-weary US marks 12th anniversary of 9/11 attacks



Flowers and pictures are left along the North Pool at the 9/11 Memorial in New York.

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - War-weary Americans on Wednesday marked the 12th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks, with President Barack Obama -- for now holding fire on Syria -- saying force alone cannot "build the world we seek."

In New York, the US capital Washington and a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, relatives of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the hijacked airliners and on the ground gathered for somber remembrance ceremonies.

"Our hearts still ache for the futures snatched away, the lives that might have been," Obama said at the Pentagon, where 184 died when one of the planes struck the building.

"They left this Earth. They slipped from our grasp."

US troops invaded

Afghanistan shortly after the 9/11 attacks to oust the Taliban for giving refuge to Al-Qaeda, and Obama gave thanks to the American forces who served there -- but noted the war was now coming to a close.

He said the United States would remain vigilant in the face of future terror threats but said military might alone could not bring peace and security.

"Let us have the wisdom to know that while force is at times necessary, force alone cannot build the world we seek," he said.

On Tuesday, Obama delivered an address to the nation in which he explained why he was for now holding off on punitive military strikes against Syria over its alleged chemical weapons use.

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## Dutch King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima to visit Dutch Caribbean in November



Dutch news services recently announced that His Majesty King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima have decided to visit the six islands in the Dutch Caribbean. This will be their first visit since ascending the throne on April 30, 2013. The royal couple will begin their visit in St. Maarten, then on to Saba, then to St. Eustatius, Bonaire,

Curacao, and finally to Aruba.

The primary goal of the visit is for everyone of the six islands to have an opportunity to meet and get to know the royal couple. Governors of Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten, as well as the Lieutenant Governors of the 3 BES islands have been requested to make a program

for the days that the royal couple is visiting the island. Minister R.H.A. Plasterk of Dutch Relations and Internal Affairs, will guide the couple during their visits.

Aruba Governor Refunjol has installed a commission to organize the visit of the King and Queen on Aruba. The commission consists of representatives of the Governor's Cabinet and Secretary of the Council of Ministers.

The royal visit will be as follows (there may be changes):

Tuesday November 12... arrival on St. Maarten

Wednesday November 13, visit to St. Maarten

Thursday November 14, visit Saba

Friday November 15, visit St. Eustatius

Saturday November 16, visit to Bonaire

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## Carnival Village to contribute to San Nicolaas as second tourism capital



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The government of Aruba

has big plans for the evolution of San Nicolaas, making it a tourism attraction so as to revitalize its economic life. The government considers the future of San Nicolaas very prominent. Several important projects have already been undertaken, for exam-

ple: the reconstruction of the Water Tower, new roads, and a Community Museum, etc.

Carnival Village and the Carnival Museum will create a new attraction not only for tourists but also for the people who are enchanted with Aruba's Carnival.

With the beginning of a new era, soon San Nicolaas will have a Caribbean Street, where the Carnival Village will add additional value to San Nicolaas.

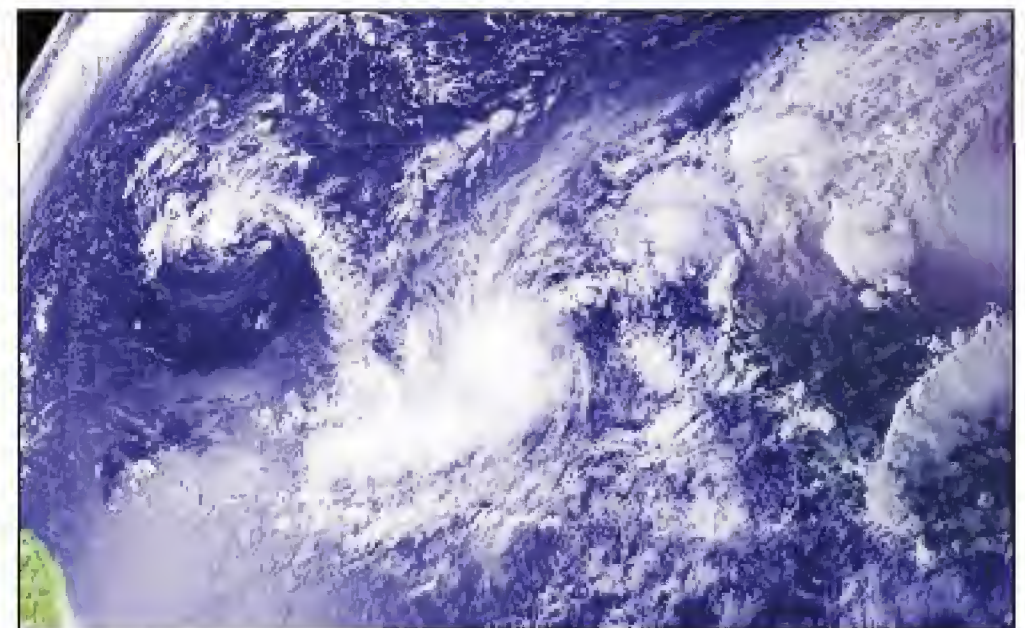
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All of these attractions create jobs for the people of San Nicolaas. The government has already issued 15 permits for tour busses to cover the route to San Nicolaas only.

One thing is certain; it appears that the government is making every effort to make of San Nicolaas what it once was!



## Humberto becomes season's first east Atlantic hurricane



MIAMI (AFP) - Humberto, churning far offland, has become the first hurricane of the season in the eastern Atlantic, US forecasters said Wednesday.

Some additional strengthening of the Category 1 storm is possible through Thursday, after which Humberto should start to weaken, according to the National Hurricane Center, located in Miami.

The storm is spinning about 340 miles (550 kilometers) west of the Cape Verde Islands, with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph, according to the center's 1500 GMT advisory.

No coastal watches or warnings are in effect for the system moving north at 9 mph.

Hurricane season lasts from the beginning of June through November.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted 13 to 19 named storms this season, up from the seasonal average of 12.

Humberto is the eighth named storm of the year and, again, just the first hurricane.

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**President Barack Obama participates in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Pentagon**

"I will not put American boots on the ground in Syria. I will not pursue an open-ended action like Iraq or Afghanistan," he said.

Polls show a majority of Americans -- weary of war

after US interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan -- oppose action in Syria.

Obama has asked for Congressional approval of his plan for limited strikes, but he has yet to garner the sup-

**Remembering their loved ones**

port needed on Capitol Hill. Votes have been put off as US Secretary of State John Kerry heads to Geneva for talks with Russia's foreign minister about a Moscow-led plan to neutralize the chemical arsenal of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

In New York, 9/11-era mayor Rudolph Giuliani wiped away a tear at the Ground Zero event, which began with a moment of silence at 8:46 am (1246 GMT), marking the time when the first plane smashed into the World Trade Center.

Moments of silence were observed at 9:03 am, the time when the second tower was hit; 9:37 am, the time of the Pentagon attack; and 10:03 am, when a fourth airliner crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers intervened.

Relatives gathered at the 9/11 Memorial around the two huge black fountains that mark the footprints of the Twin Towers -- which collapsed in the attacks -- for the ritual reading of the names of the dead.

That list has 2,983 names

in all: the 9/11 victims, plus those killed in the precursor to those attacks, the 1993 car bombing of the World Trade Center.

Some relatives brought photos of the dead, while others left roses near the spot where their loved ones' names are etched into the memorial.

The president also paid tribute to the four Americans killed in a 9/11 attack last year on the US mission in Benghazi, Libya -- which sparked a political furor over White House explanations about who was to blame.

An explosion, meanwhile, caused serious damage to a

Libyan foreign ministry building in Benghazi on Wednesday.

Following the Pentagon ceremony, Obama volunteered at a food bank that offers meals to people with serious illnesses, saying remembrances of the attacks should also include "the incredible outpouring of neighbors helping neighbors."

And at the US Capitol, hundreds of lawmakers marked the anniversary singing "God Bless America," -- which members of the House and Senate had sung 12 years ago shortly after the attacks.



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## FBI HQ in DC gets The Donald's attention



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Flamboyant New York property developer and reality TV star Donald Trump is casting his eye on what some Washingtonians consider an architectural eyesore in the US capital -- FBI headquarters.

He told The Washington Post in an interview posted online Wednesday that he might take an opportunity to acquire the Brutalist-style premises on Pennsylvania Avenue in return for erecting a new and bigger home for the storied federal law enforcement agency.

"We'll be watching the FBI as to what's going to happen," the Post quoted Trump as saying. "Whether or not we will bid on it, we may, we may not."

Inaugurated in the mid-1970s, the 11-floor J. Edgar

Hoover Building houses more than half of the 10,000 employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the greater Washington area.

Critics insist it won't be missed, contending its block-house style is a blemish on an otherwise grand boulevard, although others argue it should be preserved as a historic site.

Trump's interest is piqued by his 60-year lease he's taken out across Pennsylvania Avenue on the stately Old Post Office, built in 1899, which he plans to turn into a 271-room luxury hotel with the biggest ballroom in town.

That project, which Trump is putting together with his daughter Ivanka, is expected to cost more than \$200 million, the Post reported.

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## Canada honors Superman's 75th with coin



MONTREAL (AFP) - Now that's a birthday present: Canada is honoring Superman with seven coins to mark the 75th anniversary of the iconic comic character's creation.

The Royal Canadian Mint said this week it would be issuing the collector's items -- ranging in face value from 50 cents to \$75 -- in gold, silver and cupro-nickel.

Prices range from

Can\$29.75 (US\$28.7) for the cupro-nickel coin and an accompanying stamp to Can\$750 for the 14-carat gold coin, which boasts a color image of Superman and is being billed as the first of its kind. Only 2,000 coins of this type will be up for grabs.

"The generations of young people who grew up reading Superman comics may not have fully appreciated the story behind them," Immigra-

tion Minister Chris Alexander said in a statement marking the launch in Toronto.

"Our government celebrates Canada's history and heritage and the very values and strengths that Superman embodies."

Superman, who first appeared in 1938, was co-created by Canadian Joe Shuster and US collaborator Jerry Siegel.

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## CBA extends "Nos Cartera y Nos Finansa" survey period



The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) is currently conducting the survey "Nos Cartera y Nos Finansa" and would like to announce that the survey period will be extended by one week. This survey will continue until September 22, 2013.

The CBA would like to thank the Aruban community for its cooperation and hopes that it will continue to participate in this survey, which will help identify potential problem areas and vulnerable

groups within the Aruban community, and will contribute towards a more effective policy formulation and implementation with respect to the financial position of households.

For further information, please contact Mr. Giantcarlo Croes, Economist at the Research Department of the CBA and also project leader of this survey, at tel. 5252162 or via e-mail: g.g.croes@cbaruba.org.

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## Women for Women will explore overlooked issues this Friday evening at Renaissance Convention Center



At the end of this month, on September 27, islanders will go to the polls to elect their representatives in Parliament for the next four years, and those who will head the government. At least 50% of those voters will be women, but concerned individuals ask: "Who represents us and our specific issues? What are the issues?"

A dialog to explore and discuss these various concerns has been organized by the Aruban chapter of Women in Business and will take place this Friday evening, September 13, at the Renaissance Convention Center.

Chief organizers Joyce Bartels-Daal and Esther Broeksema of Women in Business explained that all 32 female candidates campaign-

ing for a seat in Parliament this year have been invited to respond to their set of questions regarding women's issues, as well as spontaneous questions from the audience. They have received affirmative responses from 25 of the candidates.

"If we look at most political programs, they stay general and do not address our issues and interests as women," state the organizers. "Issues like female leadership, female rights, labor laws directed to female specific areas. Political leaders also often overlook the key to economic growth: women!"

"They are intensely seeking solutions to boost domestic economic growth. Yet one solution that is proven and involves half the population is often overlooked. By unlock-

ing the full economic potential of women, Aruba can strengthen productivity, stimulate demand and boost growth."

"Women in Business calls to action our female representatives to ask them what specific actions they are going to take to promote female involvement in Aruba's development and specifically female leadership and development of our young female generation."

"Every member has a personal vision that drew them together to organize this event. What drew them together was a sincere desire to create awareness among female voters of their power and voice and also make candidates more aware of their role in the issues of gender equality and strengthening



**Joyce Bartels Daal and Esther Broeksema for Women in Business**

the position of women in our community and economy. We also wish to encourage every one to support women in politics so we can benefit from a more balanced governance with more women playing key roles in parliament and government. Just as corporations benefit from more women on their boards, our island will benefit greatly if more women are part of the formed government."

"This will not be your typical political dialog," concluded Mrs. Bartels-Daal. Women in Business expressed their gratitude to Aruba Trading Company and particularly Moët & Chandon Champagnes for their spon-

sorship of the conference.

Women for Women begins at 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM; doors open at 4:00 PM. All women and men of Aruba who will be casting their vote in two weeks are urged to attend. Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Aruba Learning Center at Irenestraat 21 in Oranjestad, the offices of Dr. Ho Kang You at Punta Brabo, and at the Veneta Cuchine store on Avenida Milio Croes in Dakota. They can also be obtained by calling 594-1134 (Tracey van der Biezen) or 733-0377 (Sharleen Tromp.)

By Rosalie Klein



## New York rejects two sex scandal-marred candidates

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Two disgraced politicians who had hoped to salvage careers ruined by sex scandal saw their bids for election redemption flame out in New York.

Democrat Anthony Weiner had positioned himself as the ultimate comeback kid, deciding to run for mayor of New York City after quitting Congress in 2011 over a steamy cyber-sex scandal.

But after a campaign fraught with more lurid revelations, Weiner won only five percent of votes in Tuesday's primary election.

Weiner's online proclivities first came to light when he accidentally tweeted a picture of himself in his underwear to his followers rather than the student he was then courting online.

He initially claimed his account had been hacked and that he had not sent the pictures, but later backtracked, and tearfully quit his post in the US House of Representatives.

For a brief moment, it seemed Weiner might have a shot at political redemption as he topped polls in mid-July.

His campaign was quickly torpedoed, however, when details emerged of further online cavorting.

The 49-year-old admitted sending lewd texts and photographs under the name "Carlos Danger" to a young woman after his resignation from Congress, as well as after the birth of his infant son.

The fresh revelations tested the limits of forgiveness of New Yorkers and Weiner never recovered in the polls. His campaign ended with an emotional speech on Tuesday night.

"We had the best ideas, sadly I was an imperfect messenger," said Weiner. His wife, Huma Abedin, a former aide to Hillary Clinton when she was secretary of state, was nowhere to be seen.

"Sleazy come, sleazy go," said a New York Post headline, next to pictures of Weiner and fellow sex-shamed candidate Eliot Spitzer.

Spitzer, 54, was governor of New York from 2006 to 2007 when exposure of his liaisons with high-priced Washington call girls forced his resignation.

In July, without the sup-

port of his party and his marriage in ruins, he caused widespread surprise by announcing he would run to become New York's financial controller.

"I'm hopeful there will be forgiveness, I am asking for it," he told the New York Times in an interview.

Spitzer was neck-and-neck with his rival Scott Stringer in the polls, but ended up losing with 47.8 percent to his rival's 52.2 percent.

"For me politics was never a profession, it was a cause," he said as he conceded defeat.

Uncertainty still hung over the Democratic mayoral race on Wednesday.

Public advocate Bill de Blasio was by far the winner, but hovered only a hair's breadth above the 40 percent needed to avoid a run-off with 97 percent of votes counted.

His nearest rival is former city financial controller Bill Thompson with 26.2 percent, who held out hope that De Blasio's 40.2 percent score would slip and force a run-off.

New York is overwhelmingly Democratic, even though it has not elected a mayor from that party in 20 years.

The party's candidate will battle Republican Joe Lhota on November 5 to replace Bloomberg, who has been at the helm in the Big Apple for 12 years.

## Canadian firm 'may sue for \$4bn' if Romania blocks gold mine

BUCHAREST (AFP) - Canadian mining firm Gabriel Resources told AFP Wednesday it may sue for \$4 billion (3 billion euros) in damages if Romania's parliament blocks its project for a massive gold mine in the country.

"If the draft legislation is rejected then the company will provide formal notification to Romania of its intentions to commence litigation for multiple breaches of international investment treaties... with a claim of up to \$4 billion", Jonathan Henry, CEO of Gabriel Resources, wrote in a email.

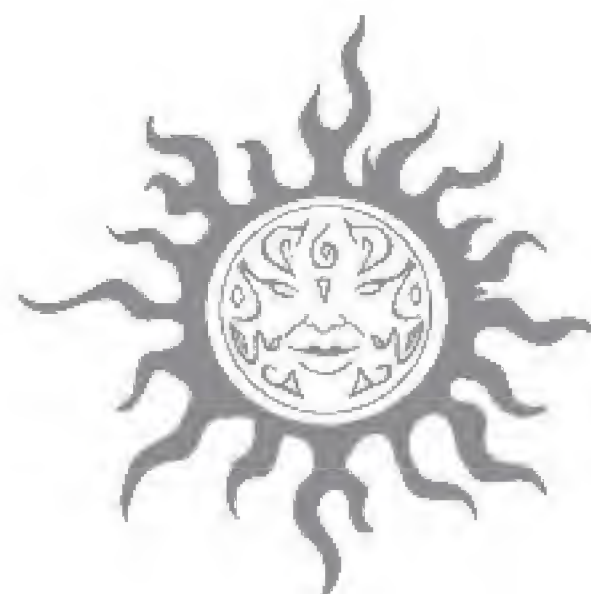
Gabriel Resources, through its 80 percent stake in the Rosia Montana Gold Corporation, plans to open

Europe's largest open-cast gold mine in the Transylvanian village of Rosia Montana.

The company acquired a mining licence for the village in 1999 but has been waiting ever since for a crucial permit from the environment ministry.

To speed up the opening of the mine, Romania's centre-left government last month submitted a bill that would make it easier for the company to expel villagers living around the site of the mine and circumvent some regulations.

But the draft law sparked an outcry with thousands of people across the country taking to the streets every evening over the last 10 days.



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## BP signs deal on controversial north Iraq oilfield

KIRKUK (AFP) - British energy giant BP has signed a deal with Baghdad on an oilfield at the heart of a dispute between the central government and Kurdish authorities in northern Iraq, officials said Wednesday.

The agreement calls for the company to carry out surveys at the Kirkuk oilfield but could eventually lead to it working to increase the field's production.

Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region swiftly condemned the deal.

Developing the field is part of Iraqi efforts to boost oil output in order to fund much-needed reconstruction.

But Baghdad and Iraqi Kurdistan are locked in a dispute over a swathe of disputed territory in north Iraq, as well as issues related to the apportioning of energy contracts to foreign firms and revenue sharing.

"The contract includes surveying the oilfield ... The company must carry out the survey over 18 months," a senior official in Iraq's state-owned North Oil Company, which manages the Kirkuk field, told AFP.

"After submitting its report and confirming the possibility of raising the production of the oilfield, then a service contract would be signed for 20 years."





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### Israel to give 'Prisoner X' family \$1 mn payout: ministry

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israel is to pay more than \$1 million to the family of an alleged Mossad spy who hanged himself in prison in 2010, the justice ministry has said.

"After negotiations, the two parties (Israel and the family) have reached an agreement whereby the state will pay 4 million shekels (\$1.1 million or 842,000 euros) to the deceased's family," the ministry said in a statement late on Tuesday.

The family of Ben Zygier, an Australian-Israeli known as "Prisoner X," had accused Israel of negligence in dealing with his case, according to the statement.

Zygier was found hanged in his isolation cell in Ayalon prison near Tel Aviv in December 2010 -- a case Israel went to extreme lengths to cover up.

A court document released on April 25 this year said Israel's prison service had caused Zygier's death by failing to prevent him from com-

mitting suicide.

The document revealed details about his background and imprisonment, indicating he was suicidal and had an emotionally-charged exchange with his wife the day he was found hanged.

It also said that his cell was not properly watched by prison guards.

The justice ministry statement stressed that the deal with Zygier's family was not an "admission of alleged wrongdoing".

It was instead "to avoid the affair going to court, which would lead to the publication of numerous details of the case which could cause serious harm to national security."

The reasons for Zygier's detention were unclear, but the Australian Broadcasting Corporation said in a report in May that the 34-year-old, who was allegedly working for Israel's foreign spy service Mossad, had unwittingly sabotaged a top secret spy operation in Lebanon.

### Thousands of Mexican teachers protest education law.

MEXICO CITY, (AFP) - Thousands of striking teachers marched in Mexico City and other states on Wednesday, causing more traffic headaches in the capital after President Enrique Pena Nieto signed a disputed education reform.

Hundreds of anti-riot police and metal barriers kept the teachers from approaching the presidential residence of Los Pinos after they walked from a tent camp they set up three weeks ago in Mexico City's central Zocalo square.

The reform strips the power of unions over education and requires teachers to undergo mandatory performance evaluations to get jobs and promotions.

The teachers, however, argue that the national test fails to take into account the fact that many work in rural and mountain classrooms in indigenous villages where the children learn native languages before Spanish.

A dissident union has led several protests in the megalopolis since last month, but they failed to stop Congress from passing Pena Nieto's reform, which he signed into law on Tuesday. They now hope to convince lawmakers to strike it down.



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### Iraq mosque suicide bomb, attacks kill 39

BAGHDAD (AFP) - A suicide bombing against a Shiite mosque as worshippers streamed out was the bloodiest of attacks across Iraq that left at least 39 people dead on Wednesday, officials said.

Dozens were wounded in the violence, and locals exacted a grim revenge on one man suspected of being a second attacker in the mosque bombing, which comes amid Iraq's worst bloodshed since 2008.

Authorities have sought to tackle the unrest with a string of measures ranging from massive security operations to implementing tight traffic restrictions in the capital in a bid to stem the number of car bombs.

But attacks have continued to hit much of the country, with more than 4,000 people killed in violence already this year.

The worst of Wednesday's violence struck the confessionally mixed north Baghdad neighbourhood of Waziriyah, where a suicide bomber blew himself up at a mosque at around 6:40 pm (1540 GMT) as worshippers were exiting following evening prayers.

At least 30 people were killed and 55 others wounded, security and hospital sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Several nearby shopfronts were also badly damaged by the blast.

Immediately after the bombing, locals spotted a man they suspected was about to blow himself up as well, and gunned him down before setting his corpse ablaze, the sources said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack against the Tamimi mosque, a Shiite place of worship, but Sunni militants linked to Al-Qaeda frequently set off attacks against Iraq's Shiite majority, who they regard as apostates.

Violence elsewhere in the country killed nine people, including four in the restive northern province of Nineveh.

In three separate attacks in the province, which remains one of Iraq's least stable, gunmen killed three people, among them a school principal who was shot dead at his house.

The surge in bloodshed has sparked concerns that Iraq is slipping back into the all-out sectarian war that plagued it in 2006 and 2007, leaving tens of thousands dead.

Officials have vowed to press on with a campaign targeting militants they say has led to the capture of hundreds of fighters and the killing of dozens more, as well as the dismantling of militant training camps and bomb-making sites.

But the government has faced criticism for not doing more to defuse anger in the Sunni Arab community over alleged ill-treatment at the hands of the Shiite-led authorities, which analysts and diplomats say militant groups exploit on the ground to recruit and carry out attacks.

This month, an Al-Qaeda front group claimed responsibility for a spate of car bombs in Baghdad that targeted Shiite areas and left 50 dead.

It has explicitly said attacks have been carried out in retribution for operations targeting Sunnis and the executions of convicted militants.

### US to prosecute pot traffickers, even where drug is legal: official

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House pledged Tuesday to continue to jail those who traffick in marijuana or sell it to minors -- even in two US states where its recreational use is now legal.

At a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Deputy Attorney General James Cole defended the federal decision not to challenge new laws legalizing marijuana in Colorado and Washington states, approved by voters in November 2012.

Those law clash with federal laws which classify marijuana as a Schedule One controlled substance, on par with heroin.

The US administration has been criticized in some quarters

for taking a hands-off position to prosecuting pot users in the two states since the passage of the laws legalizing cannabis.

Cole vowed however that the federal government would continue to go after those seeking to profit from selling marijuana, or those who would seek to traffick the drug to children.

Cole pledged that in addition to blocking cannabis cultivation and distribution, US authorities would work to prevent the export of marijuana to places where the substance is still illegal, "whether the state has legalized it or not."

And he added that Justice Department officials "reserve the right... to challenge the state laws at a later time."

In the US, 21 states have au-

thorized the use of cannabis for medical purposes. Of these, 16 states have decriminalized possession of the drug in small quantities for personal use.

Colorado and Washington went even further, legalizing recreational consumption of the drug. Colorado even allows limited at-home cultivation of the plants.

Drug policy expert Kevin Sabet -- a former official in the administrations of presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush -- said legalizing pot was dangerous, because it could lead to the "creation of a Starbucks of marijuana."

But John Urquhart, a sheriff in Washington, denied that that US west coast state was going to become a drug haven.





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## Low estrogen linked to flagging sex drive in men: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Many middle-aged men find their waistlines expanding and their sex drive shrinking, symptoms a new study out Wednesday suggests can be traced to a hormone deficiency -- but not the one you might imagine.

Previously, a drop in testosterone production might have been suspected as the culprit, but researchers said a decline in estrogen may be part of the problem.

"This study establishes testosterone levels at which various physiological functions start to become impaired, which may help provide a rationale for determining which men should be treated with testosterone supplements," says Joel Finkelstein, of Massachusetts General Hospital.

But he said, "the biggest surprise was that some of the symptoms routinely attributed to testosterone deficiency are actually partially or almost exclusively caused by the decline in estrogens," Finkelstein said.

Traditionally, a diagnosis of male hypogonadism -- a drop in reproductive hormones sharp enough to have physical effects -- was based solely on a measurement of testosterone levels.

These diagnoses have increased dramatically in recent years -- leading to five times as many testosterone prescriptions in 2000 as in 1993.

Yet doctors understand little



about the exact levels of testosterone needed to support normal function.

Testosterone production also has a direct impact on estrogen levels in men, since a portion of the male hormone is always converted into estrogen.

That makes it hard to know which hormone is needed, and in what quantity, to counteract the symptoms that appear in older men.

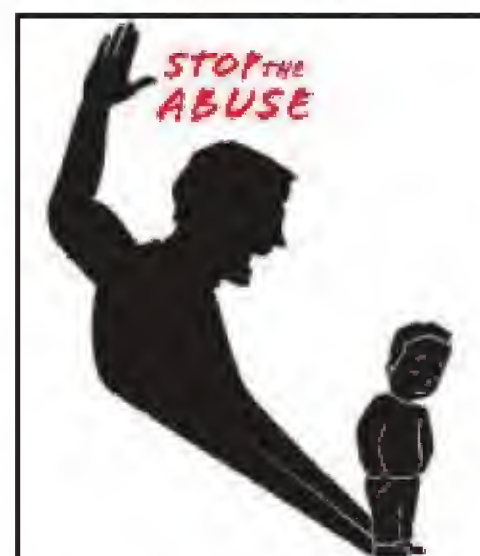
To find out, researchers suppressed all natural hormone production among more than 300 male test subjects, aged 20 to 50. Half of the subjects were given a daily dose of a testosterone gel or a placebo for 16 weeks. The other half were given the gel plus a drug that inhibits the conversion of testosterone to estrogen.

The results of the study suggest that testosterone regulates lean body mass and muscle strength, while estrogen im-

pacts the accumulation of body fat.

And sexual function was impacted by both hormones: a lack of estrogen decreased desire, while a low level of testosterone impeded erectile function.

Further studies are necessary, Finkelstein said, to confirm whether the findings of this controlled study are accurate for naturally occurring hormone fluctuations.



## Parenting tips:



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### US man executed on DNA conviction, decades after crime

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US state of Oklahoma on Tuesday executed a man convicted of rape and murder, who was connected to the crime 18 years later after advances in DNA technology.

Anthony Banks, 61, was declared dead by lethal injection at 6:07 pm in McAlester, according to Jerry Massie, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Banks received a death sentence in 1999 for the murder of South Korean woman Sun "Kim" Travis, who was kidnapped from her Tulsa apartment parking lot on June 6, 1979.

Travis, who was 24, was found raped and shot in the head several miles (kilometers) from her home, according to court documents.

The case remained unsolved for nearly two decades until 1997 when investigators made charges based on DNA samples taken from Travis's body and clothes, investigated using new techniques.

DNA profiling (also called DNA testing, DNA typing, or genetic fingerprinting) is a technique employed by forensic scientists to assist in the identification of individuals by their respective DNA profiles. DNA profiles are encrypted sets of numbers that reflect a person's DNA makeup, which can also be used as the person's identifier.

Although 99.9% of human DNA sequences are the same in every person, enough of the DNA is different to distinguish one individual from another, unless they are monozygotic twins.

### New iPhones fail to impress markets, analysts

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The unveiling of two new iPhones raised fresh doubts Wednesday about Apple's strategy to expand its smartphone market share, prompting a slide in the company's share price and harsh analyst comments.

Apple failed to slash prices enough to make an impact in key emerging markets and with budget-conscious smartphone buyers, and did little to show it has regained its edge in innovation, analysts said.

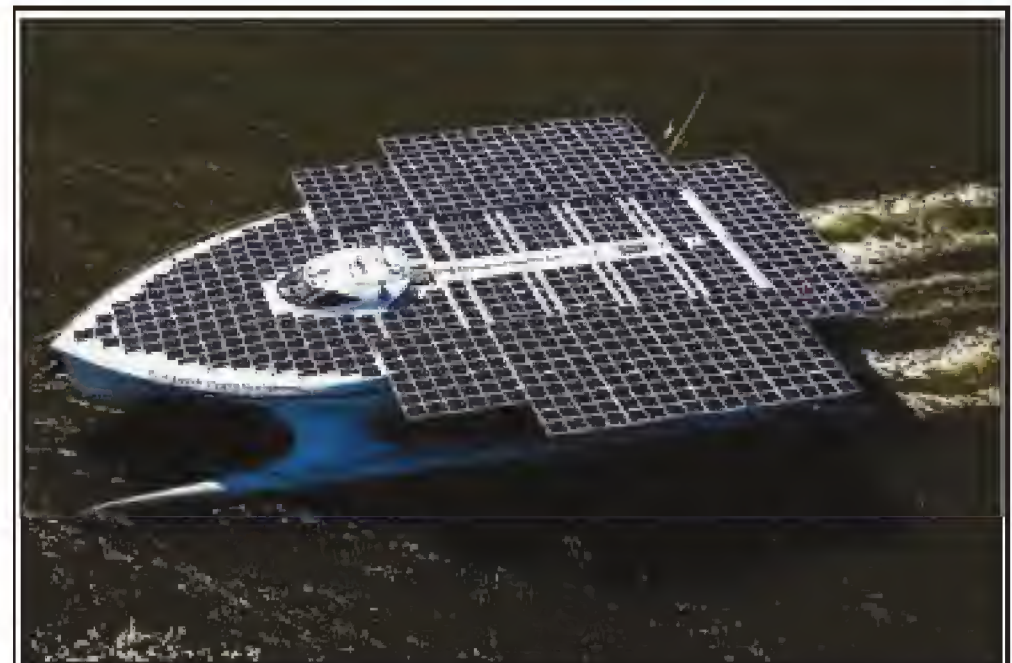
Shares slid 5.9 percent to \$465.50 in midday trade in New York, a day after the tech-

nology giant presented the two new iPhones as part of an effort to regain momentum in the smartphone market.

While the new iPhone 5C is being offered to US customers at \$99 with a subsidized carrier contract, the unsubsidized price will be \$549 in the United States, and more than \$700 in China.

Jefferies analyst Peter Misek said the new devices were "lovely phones" but that the launch "still leaves Apple with a product gap in the low-end."

Apple said its iOS 7 software will debut September 18.



PARIS (AFP) - The world's largest solar-powered boat, Turanor PlanetSolar, sails in Paris by the Seine river, on yesterday. The catamaran powered exclusively by solar energy, completed the first solar-powered trip around the world on May 4, 2012 after travelling over 60,000 km (37,282 miles) in 584 days

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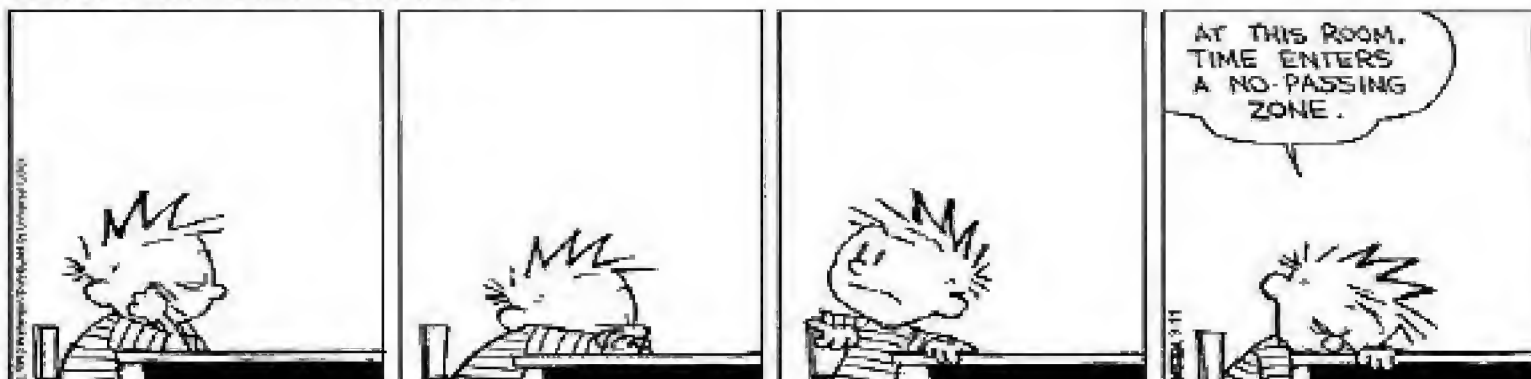
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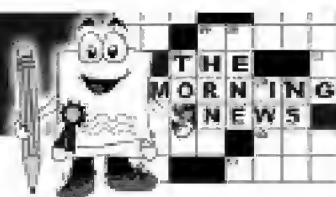
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## ACROSS

1. Zoo animal
4. Caesar's city
8. Trim
11. Fixes a squeak
13. Gone
14. Gobbled up
15. Café au \_\_\_\_
16. Hindered
18. "Do \_\_\_\_ say!" (2 wds.)
20. Lemon drink
21. Blondie's man
24. "\_\_\_\_ Love You" (2 wds.)
27. Cowboy show
28. Basic need
31. Clean air gp.
32. Brings up, as children
34. Recent (prefix)
35. Graduate school class
37. Amass
39. Social Security no.
40. Welsh \_\_\_\_
42. Nocturnal bird
44. Extreme anger
45. Little piggies' shields
49. Dog's distress call
53. Question's opposite (abbr.)
54. Try to find
55. After ham or gang
56. Frazier or Namath

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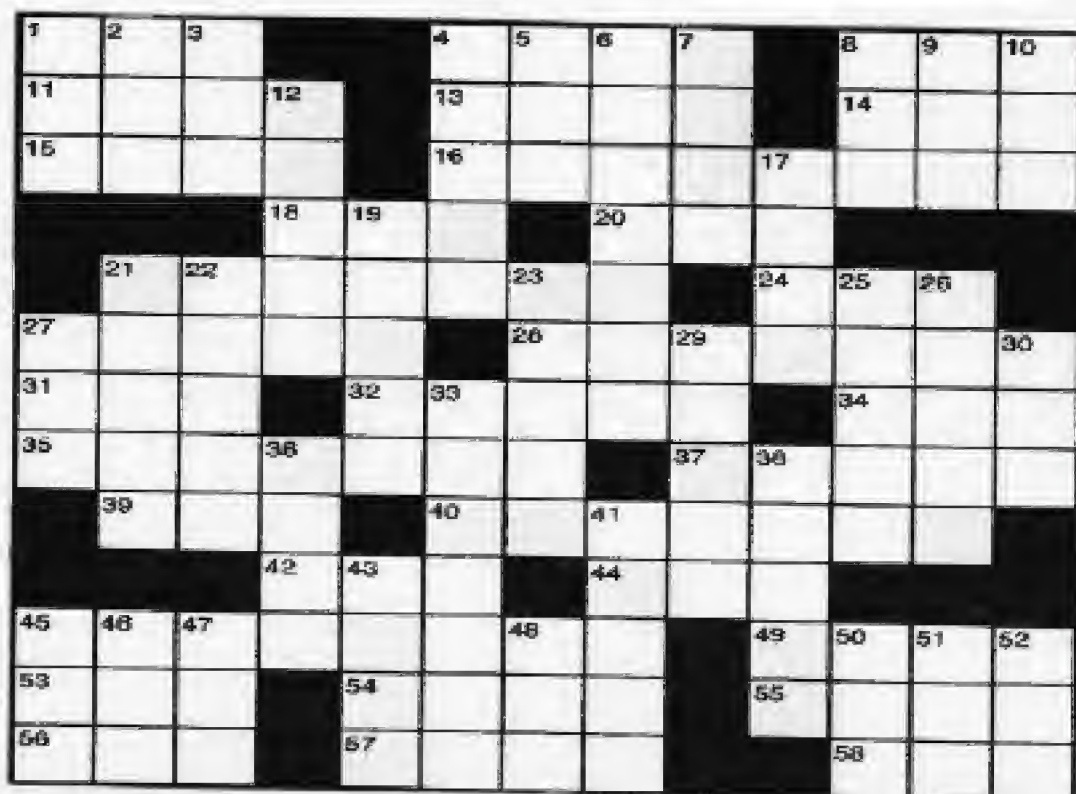
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4. Marconi's invention
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6. Bullring figure
7. Watched closely
8. Plymouth product
9. Colorado Indian
10. Actor Danson

12. Theater platform
17. Insurance agents (abbr.)
19. Placed under oath
21. Idiots
22. John Quincy \_\_\_\_
23. Actress Maureen
25. Moses' mountain
26. Lethargic
27. Dweller (abbr.)
29. Theater employee
30. Deity
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38. Minds
41. Hazards
43. Bee's kin
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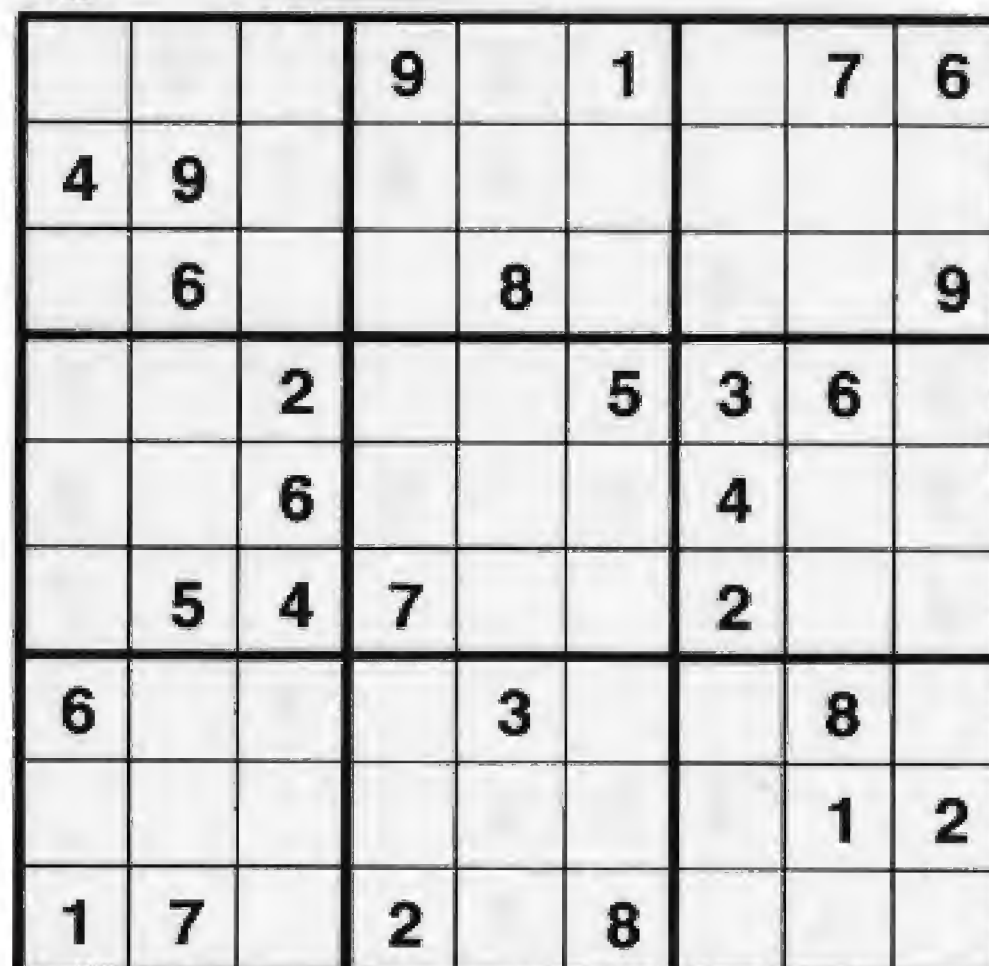
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## NY mayor praises Mexico soda tax plan

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - President Enrique Peña Nieto's plan to tax sugary drinks to curb Mexico's obesity epidemic earned him praise Tuesday from New York's mayor and health advocates but soda makers slammed it as ineffective.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, whose plan to ban giant soft drinks from restaurants was rejected by an appeals court in July, exchanged pleasantries with Peña Nieto on Twitter.

"Thanks to Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto for taking action on the obesity epidemic & supporting a new tax on sugary drinks," he wrote.

The Mexican leader replied:

"I thank @MikeBloomberg for the recognition of the important reform agenda we are leading in Mexico. I hope to greet you in NY soon."

But Coca-Cola de Mexico argued in a statement that "a tax on beverages is ineffective to combat a problem as complex as obesity."

## China billionaires pass 300 as richest get richer

BEIJING (AFP) - The number of dollar billionaires in mainland China has passed 300 for the first time, an annual ranking of wealth in the world's second-largest economy showed Wednesday.

The Hurun Report, a luxury magazine publisher, named property tycoon Wang Jianlin as China's new richest person, saying he had more than doubled his worth to \$22 billion.

There were a total of 315 dollar billionaires in the country, it said, up 64 from a year ago.

The average fortune of the top 1,000 stood at \$1.04 billion -- more than double their \$440 million during the global financial crisis five years ago.

Three of last year's 10 richest people in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan, have been detained amid a corruption crackdown in the province.

Two others on the list are in prison, while Xu Ming, who

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Verizon Wednesday launched a record \$49 billion bond sale as it gathers financing to buy Vodafone's stake in their Verizon Wireless joint venture, a person familiar with the matter said.

The size of the offering was roughly doubled from initial plans due to "heavy demand" among investors, said the person, adding the bond sale garnered more than \$100 billion worth of orders.

A Verizon spokesman said the company could not comment on bond offerings before they close.

The bond sale, which would be the largest corporate bond sale in history if successful, comes as Verizon seeks to finance its \$130 billion buyout of British partner Vodafone's 45 percent stake in Verizon Wireless, the largest US wireless provider. The partners an-

nounced the deal last week.

The Verizon sale would dwarf Apple's \$17 billion bond sale in April, the largest corporate bond sale to date.

Interest rates have been on the rise as markets expect the Federal Reserve to cut back its massive asset-purchase program this year, perhaps as soon as next week's monetary policy meeting.

Bond yields have already risen considerably in recent months compared with earlier in the year in anticipation of the Fed move.

Under the terms of the offering, Verizon will pay a yield of 5.185 percent on a 10-year bond, 225 basis points above the US 10-year Treasury yield, according to a document on the offering.

Paying more than 5 percent on a 10-year bond is "expensive," said Gregori Volokhine, president of Meeschaert Capital Markets.

Apple paid just 75 basis points above the yield on 10-year US Treasuries earlier this year, Volokhine said.

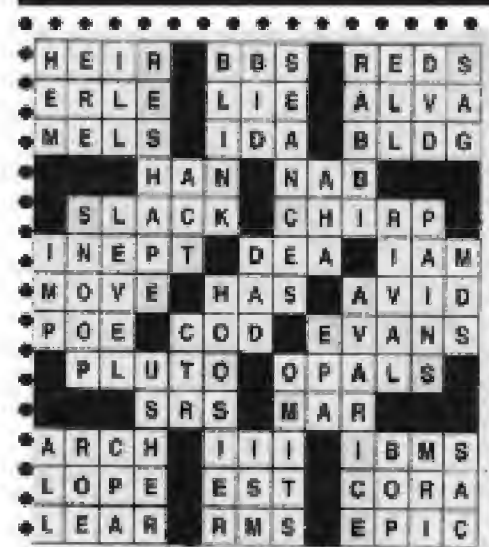
Verizon plans to issue \$60.2 billion in common stock to finance the deal and is expected to raise a similar sum in debt.

Verizon has said it aims to pay off the debt as quickly as possible.

Chief financial officer Fran Shammo told a September 3 conference call that the company expected to generate enough free cash flow with the Vodafone purchase to return to its normal debt level and garner its traditional "A-" credit rating "within a reasonable amount of time, somewhere between four and five years."

S&P lowered Verizon's credit rating from "A-" to "BBB+" on news of the deal, saying the increased debt was indicative of a "significant" financial risk profile.

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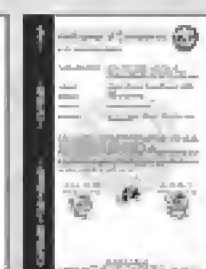
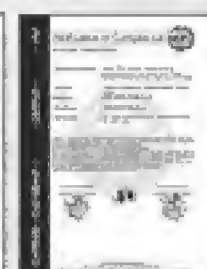
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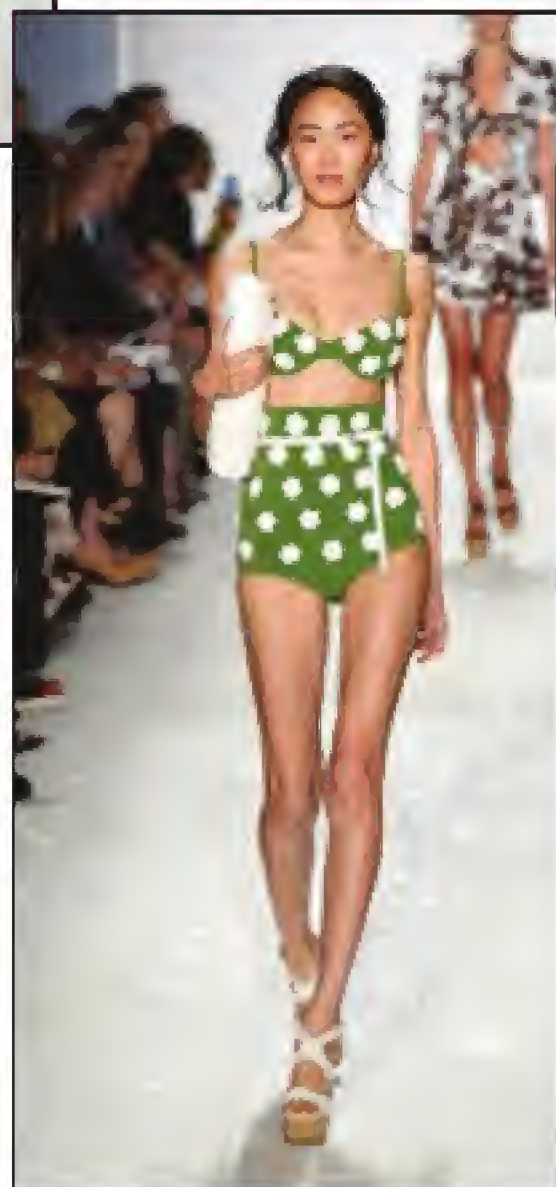
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## Michael Kors dreams of summer romance in chic new collection



**NEW YORK CITY (AFP)** - American designer Michael Kors on Wednesday unveiled a sensuous, flirty new look for spring at New York Fashion Week, featuring slashed dresses and slit skirts.

Kors sent models down the catwalk to the sounds of Mama Cass's "Dream a Little Dream of Me" on the second-to-last day of the spring-summer 2014 fashion frenzy in the Big Apple.

He opened the show with a belted white linen crepe jacket over a gauzy white dance skirt, juxtaposing the sporty with the romantic and sharply tailored pieces with something softer.

"Summer romance... a softer attitude," Kors wrote in his show notes.

An oversize mohair cardigan was belted over a cro-

cheted skirt, while a double breasted short-sleeved shirt was paired with barely-there shorts in military green.

Kors looked to the animal world for inspiration, perching white fox fur on the shoulders of a model wearing a white and blue striped boyfriend shirt and high-waisted denim shorts.

Dresses were knee-length and flouncy in nutmeg or grass shades -- colors also used in prints on a bandeau and high-rise shorts, or a bikini dotted with white daisies.

He also used barley-colored python skin, either for a slit skirt paired with an indigo pullover or for a shirt.

Fashion week ends today with shows by big-name designers such as Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein and Marc Jacobs, who already unveiled his diffusion line on Tuesday.

The style spotlight then swings over to London, Milan and Paris.

## World migrants rise above 230 million mark: UN



**UNITED NATIONS (AFP)** - The number of migrants around the world rose above 230 million in 2013 with the United States, Western Europe and the Gulf oil states the biggest draws, the UN said Wednesday.

The number who have left their own country has risen from 154 million in 1990 to 232 million and the proportion of migrants in rich countries is growing, said a new UN report.

More than half of migrants are living in 10 countries, with the United States the leading host nation with an estimated 46 million in 2013. The UN said there are 13 million people from Mexico in the United States and about 2.2 million who were born in China, 2.1 million from India and two million from the Philippines.

Russia has 11 million migrants, Germany 10 million, Saudi Arabia has nine million and the United Arab Emirates and Britain eight million each. France, Canada, Australia and Spain follow just behind, each with more than six million immigrants.

Migrants made up 10.8% of the population in rich countries and just 1.6% in poorer nations.

But the UN Department of Economic and Social affairs added that since 1990 "international migrants as a share of total grew in (rich nations) but remained unchanged in (poorer countries)."

In stark contrast, the report added that almost 90% of the world's estimated 15.7 million refugees are in poorer nations.

## Catalans form vast human chain for independence from Spain



**BARCELONA (AFP)** - Catalans massed in a vast human chain stretching hundreds of kilometres along the Mediterranean coast on Wednesday, demanding independence from Spain in the face of fierce opposition from the national government. Hundreds of thousands of people in yellow t-shirts joined in, according to organisers, yelling "Independence!". They linked hands along highways and through towns in the northeastern region, amid countless pro-independence flags bearing the red and yellow stripes of Catalonia overlaid with a white star on a blue background. Proud of their Catalan language and culture, but suffering now in a recession, many of the 7.5 million people in debt-laden Catalonia say they feel slighted and short-changed by the central government which redistributes their taxes.



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## War of the pandas in Belgium

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Rival Dutch- and French-speaking communities in Belgium are at each others' throats again -- this time over the loan of two giant pandas by China to the linguistically divided nation.

"The pandas of discord," screamed the daily *Le Soir* on Wednesday.

The problem is that the rare bears, a reliable draw for visitors, are to be housed in a zoo in French-speaking southern Wallonia, not far from the city of Mons whose last mayor is none other than Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo.

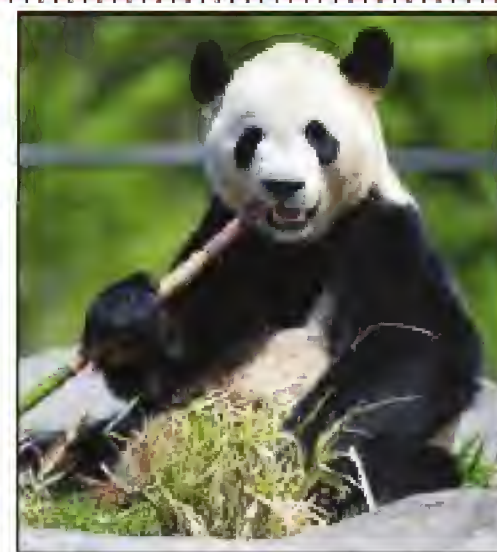
And Belgium's oldest and most well-known zoo, located in the heart of the port city of Antwerp in northern Flanders, is indignant to have lost out to the Pari Daiza animal park set up a couple of decades ago.

"We should have been able to count on the support of the prime minister," said Ilse Segers, spokeswoman for the Antwerp Zoo set up in 1843.

"We had a panda couple in the late 1980s and we have the necessary infrastructure."

The Antwerp Zoo's indignation turned highly political after a member of the powerful Flemish separatist N-VA party, Zuhair Demir, accused Di Rupo of favoritism to get the animals into the rival park on his side of the language divide.

The bow-tied French-speaking leader of federal Belgium -- made up of Dutch-, French- and



German-language regions -- was promised the pandas Wednesday by Premier Li Ke-qiang while on a visit to China.

Also in China but on a separate tour, the premier of Flanders Kris Peeters said he would contact Di Rupo and ask for an explanation.

The row front-paged the national press and headlined TV and radio news bulletins.

But as shares in the privately-owned southern Pari Daiza animal park climbed several points, the prime minister's office brushed aside the criticism.

It said that Antwerp Zoo, unlike its rival, had failed to file an offer to house the pandas, which will be on loan for 15 years.

China, which, as usual with its loaned pandas, will send a special team to look after the two four-year-old bears, demands that zoos observe a series of highly demanding conditions.

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a special festivity will be able to devise a memorable event and management is ready and willing to help you stay within your budget.

Many have taken note of this singular location as the place to go for that memorable romantic meal, and their reservation staff reports a waiting list for the rail tables that offer the best unobstructed view, recommending reservations well in advance if this is important to you.

The restaurant is now open from early in the day for refreshments, and is the perfect lunch stop while touring, serving from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, after which visitors can enjoy a light snack from their Pizza Mini Menu until 6:00 PM when

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### -- Highlights of qualifying results:

The sports media harshly criticized the Mexico football team for losing against the United States.

The result extends the Americans' unbeaten streak at home in World Cup qualifiers to 26 games, while Mexico has lost two straight in qualification and sits in fourth place.

Headlines such as "infamous", "fiasco" "The perfect crisis", "Mexico lindo y ... What hurt", "Out", "What?" were made by the sports and the specialized sections of the national press to defeat in Columbus (Ohio) 2-0 to the United States.

The newspapers put the nail on the head in pointing out that with the presentation of the selection, "the prestige of Mexican soccer falls apart" and that the reality today is that Mexico is out of the World and you're bound to win to keep hopes.

The loss puts Mexico in a precarious position as they face a must-win game against Panama on October 11, before a final showdown in Costa Rica on October 15.

The win propelled the Americans to the top of the qualifying table with 16 points, one ahead of Costa Rica.

Costa Rica also booked their spot World Cup after drawing 1-1 with Jamaica.

Costa Rica contest, Randall Brenes opened the scoring in the 75th minute to give Costa Rica a 1-0 lead before Jermaine Anderson tied it for Jamaica in stoppage time.

**In CONCACAF** - The top three teams automatically qualify for the World Cup, with the fourth-place finisher in CONCACAF facing New Zealand - the winner of the Oceania qualifier - in a two-game playoff for a spot in Brazil.

**Qualification resumes on Oct. 11, In CONCACAF** - when Honduras hosts Costa Rica, Mexico welcomes Panama and Jamaica visits the United States. Qualification concludes on Oct. 15, when Costa Rica hosts Mexico, Jamaica welcomes Honduras and the United States visits Panama.

**Argentina** qualified in Buenos Aires Tuesday after thrashing Paraguay 5-2.



Costa Rican fans celebrating their pass to 2014 World Cup



Venezuelan player Oswaldo Vizcarrondo (C front) vies for the ball with Peruvian goalkeeper Raul Fernandez



Uruguayan defender Andres Scotti celebrates a goal against Colombia

Captain Lionel Messi scored twice, with Sergio Aguero, Angel Di Maria and Maxi Rodriguez also getting on the scoresheet for the two-time world champions.

The win saw Argentina se-

cure their place from the South American qualifying tournament with two matches remaining. One against Peru.

**Colombia** (8-2-4, 26 points), (two less than Argentina) will have to wait at

dan in a two-game playoff for one of the final spots.

**Venezuela** (5-4-6, 19) remained in sixth place after a 3-2 win over seventh-place Peru (4-2-8, 14).

**Paraguay** (3-2-9, 11) and **Bolivia** (2-5-8, 11) are at the bottom of the standings with an identical minus-13 goal differential.

**Qualification continues on Oct. 11, In CONMEBOL** - when Colombia hosts Chile, Ecuador welcomes Uruguay, Paraguay heads to Venezuela and Argentina hosts Peru. Qualification wraps up on Oct. 15, when Uruguay welcomes Argentina, Chile hosts Ecuador, Colombia travels to Paraguay and Peru hosts Bolivia.



Argentine forward Lionel Messi (L) is marked by Paraguayan midfielder Miguel Samudio

least another game to clinch a spot in the World Cup after Los Cafeteros fell to Uruguay, 2-0, in Montevideo.

**Ecuador** (6-4-4, 22) remained in fourth place after a 1-1 draw against Bolivia.

**In CONMEBOL** - The top four teams qualify automatically for the World Cup, and the fifth-place team faces Jor-

**Brazil automatically qualified as the host country.**

The qualification from the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) tournament was confirmed after Panama drew 2-2 with Honduras in a later contest.

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## Aruba's "Train Hard Fight Smart" Taekwondo Team preparing for 2013 Taekwondo Cup

-- Clifford Rasmijn of the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation is committed and very active since receiving the program from his US coach Russel Beneby. Last Saturday, Clifford removed the electronic protectors and began preparing fights together with his new team.

Brazil Taekwondo foundation will have a few new faces in the arena to face off next Saturday at Centro di Bario Brazil.

For Saturday, September 14th, Clifford Rasmijn has to choose his team of 7 athletes to face off the Best Team Club.



This he will have to do with Hakeem and Rasheed Lowe and Jourde Klaber who are on their way to Mexico for the first Pan-American Cadet.

There is currently a new Group in training who are following the steps of the A-Team. They will be there to encourage and motivate the

others fighting for the cup. The motto of the "Train Hard Fight Smart" team is very much live in Brazil. This has brought in a few new athletes with a great deal of enthusiasm. Brazil Taekwondo Foundation has a few athletes who are on the right track although they are still lacking more training

### MLB Standings

#### American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	88	58	.603	—
TAMPA	78	65	.545	8.5
BALTIMORE	77	67	.535	10.0
YANKEES	77	68	.531	10.5
TORONTO	67	77	.465	20.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	83	62	.572	—
CLEVELAND	77	66	.531	6.0
KANSAS	77	69	.527	6.5
MINNESOTA	63	80	.441	19.0
CHICAGO	58	86	.403	24.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	83	61	.576	—
TEXAS	81	64	.559	2.5
LA ANGELES	68	76	.472	15.0
SEATTLE	65	80	.448	18.5
HOUSTON	49	96	.338	34.5

#### National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	87	57	.604	—
WASHINGTON	75	69	.521	12.0
PHILADELPHIA	66	78	.458	21.0
NY METS	64	79	.448	22.5
MIAMI	53	90	.371	33.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	84	60	.583	—
PITTSBURGH	84	61	.579	0.5
CINCINNATI	83	64	.565	2.5
MILWAUKEE	62	81	.434	21.5
CHICAGO	62	83	.428	22.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
DODGERS	85	59	.590	—
ARIZONA	72	72	.500	13.0
SAN DIEGO	66	77	.462	18.5
COLORADO	67	79	.459	19.0
SAN FRANCISCO	65	80	.448	20.5

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

## Derek Jeter's season is over



NEW YORK - Jeter, 39, has never fully recovered from the broken ankle he suffered in last year's playoffs and he says his inability to return to full strength is a matter of not being able to rebuild the strength in the rest of his left leg.

But the Yankees captain and shortstop insists you can stop speculating about the end of his career right now.

"A lot of end talk here," Jeter said in a media session less than two hours after the team decided to place him on the disabled list and end a season that has seen him play just

17 games!

"The entire year has been pretty much nightmare for me physically," Jeter said. "It's kind of fitting it ends like this, I guess."

The ankle itself is fine, Jeter said, but he plans to use the time until next spring training for what he called, "A normal offseason to work out."

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman reiterated that he expects Jeter back in 2014, and at shortstop. Jeter has an \$8 million player option for 2014, or can opt to become a free agent.

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## Football: France tabs Lyon as Euro 2020 venue

PARIS (AFP) - The French Football Federation have put forth Lyon as a candidate to host matches at Euro 2020, sources close to the bid process revealed on Wednesday.

The tournament will for the first time be held in 13 different cities across Europe, with one designated city serving as the venue for the both the semi-finals and final.

Alternatively, cities can campaign to host three group stage matches as well as a round of 16 match or quarter-final, while only one city per country will be allowed to serve as a host venue.

Taking into account the 58,000 capacity of Lyon's Grand Stade, which should be completed in time for the second half of the 2015-16 season, the stadium would only be able to bid for games in the early rounds.

Lyon's candidacy is the lone French bid, but with the country organising Euro 2016, the French submission does not figure to be among the favourites, the source told AFP.

The deadline for candidate cities to formally submit their applications is Thursday, while UEFA's executive committee will announce which cities have formally entered the race later this month.

The candidate cities will then have until April 25, 2014 to submit their bid dossiers. UEFA is scheduled to name the 13 hosts in September 2014.

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## EuroBasket: Lithuania knock off France, Serbia undefeated in group

LJUBLJANA (AFP) - France missed a chance to book a spot in the quarter-finals of the 2013 European basketball championship on Wednesday as they lost to Lithuania while Serbia took over sole possession of first place in the second round group stage.

Four players scored in double figures - led by 15 from Renaldas Seibutis - as Lithuania put together a superb defensive showing in a 76-62 victory over France,

who reached the European final two summers ago before losing to Spain.

The 62 points scored by France were 18.6 points fewer than their average of 80.6 through the first five games. And France's NBA star Tony Parker was held to 11 points, down from his previous average of 18.8 points per game.

The loss leaves both Lithuania and France at 2-1 in the group, one victory behind Serbia.

The Serbs improved to 3-0 after surviving a dog-fight with Belgium 76-69, Nenad Krstic scoring 17 points. Stefan Markovic hit for 15 points and Bogdan Bogdanovic added 12 points.

"It was a very tough match for us. Maybe we were a bit under pressure because we knew it was a very big game for us. But at the end we managed to get this win," said Krstic, the veteran leader of the youngest team in the competition.

Belgium, who were in the second round for the first time since 1993, dropped to 0-3 in the group despite 16 points from Wen Mukubu.

Latvia meanwhile improved to 1-2 in the group thanks to a dominating 85-51 win over Ukraine.

Kristaps Janicenoks made four of four three-pointers in scoring 14 points and pacing a Latvian attack that made 15 three-pointers and shot 52 percent from three-point range.

Rihards Kuksiks added 13 points and Martins Meiers chipped in 11 points and 10 rebounds for the winners.

Sergii Gladys scored 12 points but could not keep Ukraine from dropping to 1-2 in the group.

The competition continues Today with action in Group F as Finland take on Croatia, Greece square off against two-time reigning champs Spain, and hosts Slovenia play against undefeated Italy.